

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

FIGS. 1-4 have been corrected to include --PRIOR ART-- label.

Withdrawal of the objection to drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application before this amendment. By the present amendment, all pending Claims 1-5 have been cancelled without prejudice, and Claims 6-7 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1 ¶2 as being indefinite. Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,160,841 (Stansell). The "et al." suffix, which may appear after a reference name, is omitted in this paper. Withdrawal of the above rejections is respectfully requested at least since Claims 1-5 have been cancelled.

Applicants respectfully submit that the new Claims 6-7 is considered to be allowable over Stansell. According to Claim 6, the search operation is performed with the use of the circuit configuration, which is also used for the locking operation. This also allows improvements in the processing speed in the search operation.

In fact, according to the presently claimed invention, since the third correlation detecting circuit 41 is used for detecting both a correlation between the Q signal (second code) and the -1 chip delayed C/A code and a correlation between the I signal (first code) and the 1/2 chip delayed C/A code by means of the three switching parts 101, 102 and 103, it becomes possible to achieve

high speed search operation with the use of the common circuit configuration also used for the locking operation without increasing the circuit size.

In contradistinction, in the disclosure of Stansell, as shown in FIGS. 1 and 4, and also throughout the specification, Applicants find no disclosure of using a common circuit configuration both for search operation and locking operation.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 6-7, now pending in this application, are in condition for allowance over the cited reference. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and earnestly solicit an indication of allowable subject matter. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX OF ATTACHMENTS

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**Replacement Sheets of FIGS. 1-4
(a total of 4 sheets of drawings)**